

Rep. Herrell Amendments to NDAA: Support Holloman AFB, Protect Border, Defend Supply Chains, and More!



WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Yvette Herrell (R-NM) has filed four amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to protect our nation and utilize New Mexico's unique position as a national security asset.

"National Defense is the most important duty of our federal government," said Rep. Herrell. "It is vital that we protect our borders, ensure domestically manufactured drug supply, keep our tax dollars from being sent to China, and give our military the most advanced equipment and test capabilities. I am standing for New Mexico and its defense facilities, which is why I have filed these vital amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act." Rep. Herrell's amendments include:

- A ban on American taxpayer dollars from funding research affiliated with the People's Republic of China (PRC) or the Chinese Communist Party. Previously, Rep. Herrell introduced the Stop Funding Our Adversaries Act (SFOA) Act of 2022.
- An amendment version of Rep. Herrell's Protecting American Lives Act, which would require the Food and Drug Administration to identify regulations that are making it difficult to produce lifesaving drugs domestically, so the United States can take back medical production from China.
- An amendment version of Rep. Herrell's PAUSE Act. This policy would preserve Title 42 border health protections allowing Border Patrol to rapidly remove illegal aliens to prevent the spread of COVID while the national state of emergency continues. Our border should never be wide open, especially if COVID related restrictions remain.
- A re-authorization for the Holloman Air Force Base High Speed Test Track (HHSTT). The HHSTT is vital to our national security and our rural economy. The HHST is the premiere rocket sled test track in the world. It allows our military to test weapon systems they need to protect our nation. However, much of the test track is in need of repair. This would allow for the reconstruction of this vital defense asset.

Additionally, Congresswoman Herrell is the lead cosponsor of an amendment with Congressman Jay Obernolte (CA-08), which would require the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to report on the difficultly of filling civilian jobs at remote or isolated military installations.

Rural Department of Defense (DoD) installations have had significant difficulty in filling civilian support staff vacancies. These shortages have had real effects on our service-members and their families. Holloman AFB and White Sands Missile Range are designated by the DoD as remote or isolated installations. It is important that we understand the issue to ensure we are properly addressing this matter.